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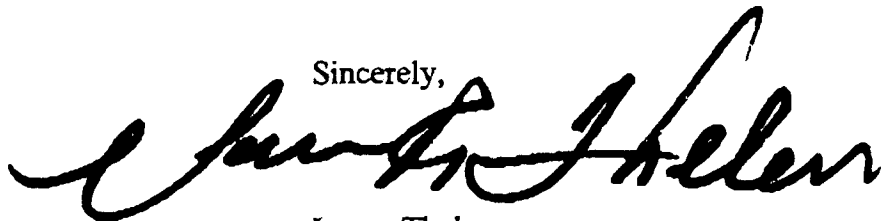
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

There has been a settlement in the Department of Justice and Microsoft antitrust case. I want to give my support to this agreement. In my opinion, this case should never have been brought in the first place. The basis of antitrust laws is the abuse of the consumer. The consumer in this case was helped. Bill Gates produced a better product at a lower price. His competition could not. That is the basis of competition. I used Netscape and had no problem installing it, even with the Microsoft program. I think the whole lawsuit was one of sour grapes on the part of Microsoft's rivals. They could not compete, so went after Microsoft the only way they knew how.

As I understand it, Microsoft has more than acceded to the Department of Justice's demands. Microsoft has agreed to a technical committee to oversee future adherence; Microsoft has agreed to disclose source codes and books that are internal to Windows operating system; Microsoft has agreed to terms that are well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit.

It is time we put this issue to rest. We have to quit rehashing decisions. We undermine the judicial system if we constantly revisit decisions handed down. Give your support to this agreement and allow us to move on.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lance Thelen", written in a cursive style.

Lance Thelen